(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) in March, 1990, forwarded a copy of the Feasibility Report to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up a 100 MW Diesel Power Station near Renigunta. The proposal would be techno-economically appraised in the CEA after the APSEB has tied up various inputs/clearances, such as fuel linkage, clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Pollution Control Board, Civil Aviation, compliance of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, etc.

**Prior Approval for Incorporation of a Company**

1978. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Company Affairs has recently issued a clarification stating that a mere incorporation of the company amounts to establishment of a company and as such prior approval of Government must be obtained by the person or the authority incorporating such a company; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per section 22 read with section 2(v) of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969, incorporation of a new company amounts to establishment of a new undertaking and requires prior approval under section 22 of the Act. Certain instances of violation of this provision have come to the notice of the Government. In order to explain these provisions of the Act to the trade so as to remove any doubt, it was felt desirable to issue a clarification.

**Cancer Patients in India**

1979. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been an increase in the incidence of cancer in the State of Orissa and in some other parts of eastern India;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of cancer patients now under treatment in various Cancer Centres in Orissa and number of deaths which occurred due to said disease during the last three years;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check the disease;

(d) whether any survey was conducted to identify the number of cancer patients in different parts of the country; and

(e) if so, what is the number of such patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The State-wise number of cancer patients in the country is not available.

(c) The Government has recognised 10 Regional Cancer Research & Treatment Centres located at Delhi, Bangalore, Gwalior, Ahmedabad, Madras, Trivandrum, Cuttack, Guwahati, Calcutta and Bombay. These Centres provide modern facilities for detection and treatment of cancer. In addition, a number of hospitals/medical colleges and voluntary institutions in different parts of the country provide facilities for detection and treatment of cancer. Further, various health education measures are being taken to educate the people to create awareness amongst them about the likely causes of cancer and the need for early detection.